

JUDGE CASTEL

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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Susan Golomb Sontag,

Plaintiff,

- against -

M.R.S. Associates, Inc.,

Defendant.  
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Civil Action No.:

ECF Case - PKC

**COMPLAINT AND  
DEMAND FOR  
TRIAL BY JURY**

Plaintiff Susan Golomb Sontag ("Plaintiff" or "Sontag"), by and through her attorneys, FREDRICK SCHULMAN & ASSOCIATES, Attorneys at Law, as and for her Complaint against the Defendant M.R.S. Associates, Inc. ("Defendant" or "MRS"), respectfully sets forth, complains and alleges, upon information and belief, the following:

**INTRODUCTION/PRELIMINARY STATEMENT**

1. Plaintiff brings this action for damages and declaratory and injunctive relief arising from the Defendant's violation(s) of Sec. 1692 et. seq. of Title 15 of the United States Code, commonly referred to as the Fair Debt Collections Practices Act ("FDCPA").

**PARTIES**

2. Plaintiff is a resident of the State of New York, County of Rockland, residing at 27 Roble Rd., Suffern, New York 10901.

3. Upon information and belief, the Defendant is a debt collection firm, with a principal place of business at 1930 Olney Avenue, Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08003, and is authorized to do business in the State of New York.

4. The Defendant is a “debt collector” as the phrase is defined and used in the FDCPA.

**JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

5. The Court has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 USC Sec. 1331, as well as 15 USC Sec. 1692 et. seq. and 28 USC Sec. 2201. If applicable, the Court also has pendent jurisdiction over any State law claims in this action pursuant to 28 USC Sec. 1367(a).
6. Venue is proper in this judicial district pursuant to 28 USC Sec. 1391(b)(2).

**FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

7. Plaintiff repeats, reiterates and incorporates the allegations contained in paragraphs numbered “1” through “6” herein with the same force and effect as if the same were set forth at length herein.
8. Upon information and belief, on a date better known to the Defendant, the Defendant began collection activities on an alleged consumer debt from the Plaintiff (“Alleged Debt”).
9. On or about September 7, 2011, at approximately 9:08 a.m., the Defendant placed a telephone call to the Plaintiff and left a message for the Plaintiff on the Plaintiff’s answering machine.
10. Said message contained personal and confidential information.
11. Said message was to collect a debt, and it was left on an answering machine which was played and heard by one or more third parties who each had the right and opportunity to play same.
12. Said message was heard, amongst others, by the Plaintiff’s daughter, Shira Golomb.
13. The actions of the Defendant led to embarrassment, harassment, and disclosure of confidential information to a third party.

14. Said actions by the Defendant violated 15 USC §1692b(2) which prohibits communicating to a third party, stating that a consumer owes a debt.

15. As a result of the Defendant's deceptive, misleading and/or unfair debt collection practices, the Plaintiff has been damaged.

**FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**  
**(Violations of the FDCPA)**

16. Plaintiff repeats, reiterates and incorporates the allegations contained in paragraphs numbered "1" through "15" herein with the same force and effect as if the same were set forth at length herein.

17. Defendant's debt collection efforts attempted and/or directed towards the Plaintiff violate various provisions of the FDCPA, including but not limited to 15 USC §1692b(2).

18. As a result of the Defendant's violations of the FDCPA, the Plaintiff has been damaged and is entitled to damages in accordance with the FDCPA.

**DEMAND FOR TRIAL BY JURY**

19. Plaintiff demands and hereby respectfully requests a trial by jury for all claims and issues in this Complaint to which the Plaintiff is or may be entitled to a jury trial.

**PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

**WHEREFORE**, Plaintiff Susan Golomb Sontag demands judgment from the Defendant M.R.S. Associates, Inc., as follows:

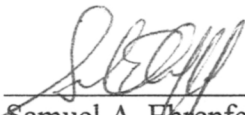
- A. For actual damages provided and pursuant to 15 USC Sec. 1692k(a)(1);
- B. For statutory damages provided and pursuant to 15 USC Sec.1692k(a)(2)(A);
- C. For attorneys' fees and costs provided and pursuant to 15 USC Sec. 1692k(a)(3);

D. For a declaration that the Defendant's practices violated the provisions of the FDCA;  
and,

E. For any such other and further relief, as well as further costs, expenses and disbursements  
of this action, as this Court may deem just and proper.

Dated: New York, New York  
December 12, 2011

Respectfully submitted,

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